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1. On 2 and 3 November, army conscripts assigned to serve with Asuncion police during their period of conscription were withdrawn from the eight police seccionales or stations in the capital and transferred to one central building at 25 de Noviembre and Segunda Proyectada heretofore used as headquarters for the Transit Police. As yet no explanation for the change has been made.
2. At the present time these conscripts, estimated to number about 500 men, are under the command of Guillermo Rodriguez Benegas, chief of the Transit Police. Rodriguez, however, may be dismissed for alleged maladministration during the 25 October uprising. Should this happen, the conscripts will be placed under the direct command of the Chief of Police.
3. As a result of this move, the seccionales will be manned by contracted agents (the regular police agent in khaki-colored uniforms) and will not be the strongholds they formerly were. The police, on the other hand, will have a large and more mobile unit of men at its command.

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Comment. During the 25 October attack on the Asuncion police, the contracted agents performed very poorly. Many disobeyed orders, went home and stayed home until the fighting was over.

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